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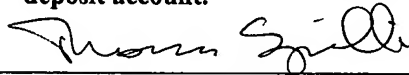
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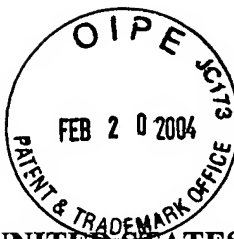
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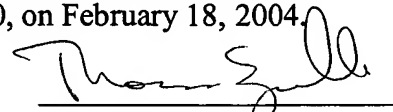
1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-17658, published January 22, 2002 together with an English language abstract; and
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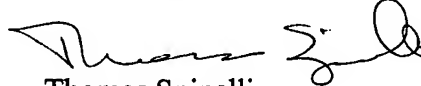
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The references were cited in a Search Report dated November 29, 2002 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of references 1, together with a copy of the Search Report. Reference 2 is not being submitted herewith as it was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 26, 2003. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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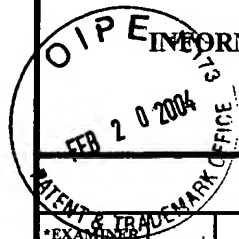
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